

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 2005, the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 57 tornado warnings, 485 severe thunderstorm warnings, 116 flash flood warnings and recorded more than 400 incidents of severe thunderstorms with winds of 60 miles per hour and/or large hail and more than 25 tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active tornado state from March through May and last year had touchdowns in 18 counties; and

WHEREAS, people are less likely to be injured when they know what to do when a tornado warning is issued and severe weather conditions threaten; and

WHEREAS, citizens should listen to local radio, television, a weather channel or a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio for information on severe weather; and

WHEREAS, families should have an emergency safety plan for home, school and work, including regularly traveled routes so they know where the safest locations are; and

WHEREAS, people should have a disaster supply kit on hand that contains a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, flashlight with extra batteries, canned and other non-perishable food, a hand-operated can opener, bottled water, sturdy shoes and work gloves; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 15, is the designated day for tornado drills to be held statewide in schools, government buildings and private companies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service and the Department of Public Instruction have collaborated to inform and educate North Carolinians about how to stay safe in severe weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 12-18, 2006, as **"SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK"** in North Carolina, and urge our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities to increase awareness of severe weather and how to stay safe.



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HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at Raleigh this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.